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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM LONDON SEPT 20:

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SUBJECT: BRITISH APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NON-
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1. AFTER BRIEFING HMG SEPTEMBER 16 ON CONTENT OF
REFTEL, WE HAVE AWAITED REPORT ON RESULT OF UK
SUPPORTIVE DEMARCHE IN PRETORIA. TODAY, SEPTEMBER 20,
CHRISTOPHER MALLABY, HEAD OF FCO'S ARMS CONTROL AND
DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT, PASSED US REPORTING CABLE
FROM UK AMBASSADOR DESCRIBING HIS SEPTEMBER 19
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CONVERSATION WITH FOURIE. AS WE HAD ASKED, BRITISH
MADE PITCH FOR EARLY SOUTH AFRICAN NPT ADHERENCE AND
RAPID APPLICATION OF INTERIM SAFEGUARDS AT THE
VALINDABA ENRICHMENT FACILITY. TEXT OF TELEGRAM FOLLOWS

2. BEGIN TEXT: I SAW FOURIE THIS MORNING AND SPOKE TO
HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS OF

YOUR TUR. I LEFT WITH HIM A SPEAKING NOTE BASED ON THESE THREE PARAGRAPHS LESS THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH L.

FOURIE DID NOT DIRECTLY RAISE ANY OF THE POINTS IN YOUR PARA 4, THOUGH HE REFERRED OBLIQUELY TO THE S. AFRICAN POSITION IN THE IAEA WHICH VUMMENABLED ME TO MAKE OUR OWN POSITION CLEAR. HE CONCENTRATED ON SAYING THAT THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE (WHICH BY IMPLICATION HE CONTRASTED STRONGLY WITH OUR OWN) WAS RAPIDLY DRIVING SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTERS INTO THE POSITION WHERE THEIR EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ADHERENCE TO THE NPT WAS GIVING WAY TO RESENTMENT AT THE TERMS WHICH THE AMERICANS APPEARED TO BE DEMANDING FOR SUPPLYING FUEL ELEMENTS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN REACTORS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, AS WE KNEW (I DIDN'T), THE ORIGINAL INTENTION AT VALINDABA HAD BEEN TO SEEK INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION. TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES, AND INDEED CONTRACTORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL, HAD BEEN EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENRICHMENT PLANT, BUT THEY HAD BEEN EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN TO DO SO BY THE FORMER AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. NOW THE AMERICANS WERE BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING WHICH THEY COULD HAVE ENSURED AUTOMATICALLY IF THEY HAD NOT BEEN SO HAM-HANDED AT AN EARLIER STAGE. THERE WAS GROWING CONVICTION IN SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC ENERGY

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CIRCLES THAT AMERICAN POLICY WAS DESIGNED TO RETAIN A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT IN AMERICAN HANDS FOR COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS STRATEGIC REASONS.

I DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT I HOPED THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD GIVE US A REASONED REPLY TO OUR APPROACH. THIS WOULD BE MUCH MORE USEFUL THAN MERELY A FLAT REPETITION OF THE REPLY THEY MADE TO THE AMERICANS. SCOTT. END TEXT.

3. WE THANKED MALLABY FOR TIMELY UK SUPPORT AND AGREED WITH HIM THAT IT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO AGAIN COMPARE NOTES AFTER CONSIDERED SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO OUR RESPECTIVE DEMARCHES.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE. BREWSTER UNQUOTE VANCE

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